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Prison Audit Finds Wasteful Warehousing and Procurement Practices May Have Cost the State Millions of Dollars

SACRAMENTO—Inspector General David R. Shaw released his audit of the California State Prison (CSP), Solano today, reporting that wasteful warehousing and procurement practices may have cost the state more than \$6.8 million.

The Office of the Inspector General's report details findings and recommendations to address problems at CSP Solano, the California Prison Health Care Receivership, and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's (department) headquarters. The audit found that unused equipment, lost rebates, overpaid taxes, and inadequate computer imaging services cost the state \$512,000. Further, subsequent findings of unused computer equipment at other institutions indicate a larger issue where the department may have wasted an additional \$6.3 million. "The department's inability to track and manage inventory at both the statewide and institutional levels has resulted in a serious waste of state money. Given the state's grave fiscal situation it is imperative that the department manage its resources more effectively," said Inspector General Shaw.

Besides the wasteful warehousing and procurement practices, CSP Solano squandered its limited rehabilitative resources on inmates who have years to serve in prison while inmates paroling sooner remained on waiting lists for academic and vocational training. "Public safety is compromised when inmates who will be paroling to our communities in the near future do not participate in rehabilitative programs. California cannot afford to perpetuate a system that sees the majority of parolees return to prison. Therefore, I will continue to monitor the department's rehabilitative efforts through our audits and through my role as the chair of the California Rehabilitation Oversight Board," said Inspector General Shaw.

Other problems noted in the audit include insufficient firearms training for armed staff and inadequate storage facilities for inmate central files. In all, the report contains four findings and 19 recommendations.

The entire audit report may be viewed and downloaded from the Office of the Inspector General's Web site at <http://www.oig.ca.gov/>.

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